CENTRAL ALBERTA ✻ PARK - FOREST and MOUNTAIN VACATIONLAND

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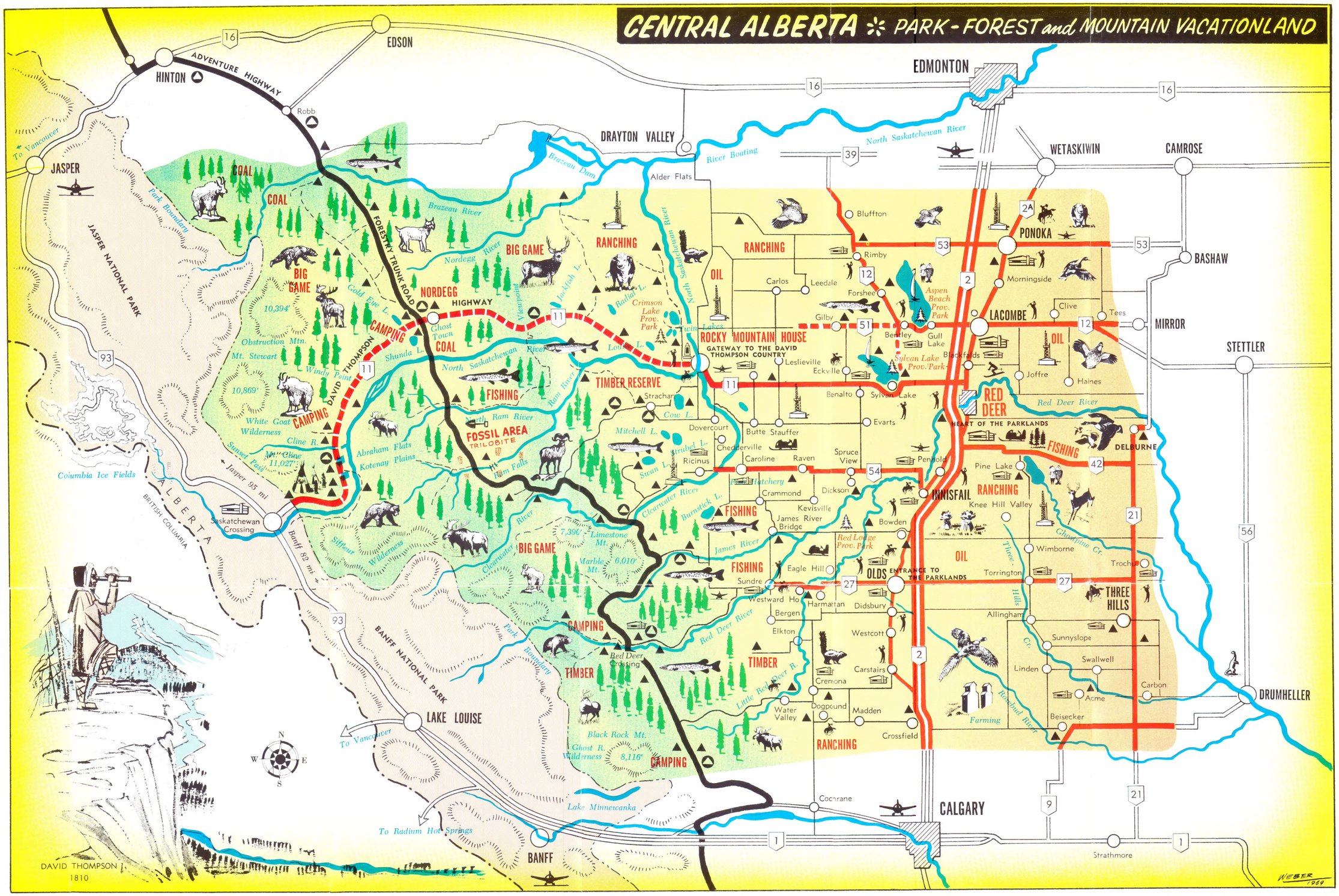

MAP OF ALBERTA
Showing Central Alberta Zone 4

HUNTING

West-Central Alberta is noted as being one of the finest big game areas in North America. Some of the world's largest recorded trophies of elk, big-horn sheep came from this region. A large variety of game includes Rocky Mountain goat, moose, mule deer, whitetail deer, black and grizzly bear. Local guides and outfitters will take you to the game, supplying horses, tents and food. Alberta hunting regulations forbid hunting in provincial or national parks. Non-resident and non-resident alien big game hunters **MUST, IN CERTAIN AREAS, BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LICENSED GUIDE.** There are few hunting lodges as they are understood in the United States, for further information regarding seasons, rates, regulations or lists of registered guides and outfitters write to:

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TRAVEL BUREAU
EDMONTON

FISHING

Space permits us to list only the main sources and species of fish found in this region.

Cutthroat Trout, upper North Saskatchewan and Ram River, south of Nordegg.

Dolly Varden Char, Clearwater and Brazeau, as well as Red Deer waters.
Eastern Brook (Speckled) Trout, Red Deer River, tributaries, Raven and James River and Fallen Timber Creek, a tributary of the Clearwater River.
Brown Trout, Red Deer River system and North Saskatchewan River tributaries, Shunda Creek near Nordegg.

Lake Trout, Swan Lake.

Kokanee, stocked recently in several Alberta lakes. Twin Lakes north of Rocky Mountain House and Phyllis Lake west of Red Deer.

Mountain Whitefish, Red Deer and Clearwater Rivers. (Run in August and September).

Perch, Pine Lake east of Red Deer.

Goldeye, spring fishing in lower portions of Red Deer River and fall runs in Red Deer and Saskatchewan Rivers.

TOURS

Zone 4 (Central Alberta) offers many interesting short or long trips into virgin forest country. With the completion of the western part of the David Thompson Highway it is now possible to travel from Edmonton or Calgary to Red Deer, (heart of the parklands) then turn west on Highway 11 to Rocky Mountain House (gateway to the David Thompson Country), to Nordegg (ghost town), and continue to Saskatchewan Crossing on the Banff-Jasper Highway (93) or else on long vacations turn north or south at Nordegg on the Adventure Highway (forestry trunk road) and enjoy the forested country camping at any of the numerous shelters equipped with the necessities for the camper. There's good fishing in the many tributaries to the Red Deer, Clearwater or North Saskatchewan Rivers. The Adventure Highway joins the Edmonton-Jasper Highway No. 16 at Hinton in the north and the Trans-Canada Highway No. 1 near Cochrane at the south.

PROVINCIAL PARKS

Rental fee overnight, tent or trailer, $1.00. Wood supplied at all sites. Pets permitted on leash. Time limit 14 days. Open from April 1st to September 30th.

Aspen Beach, 7 miles west of Lacombe on Gull Lake. 232 acres, 1,087 picnic tables, 200 tents, 100 trailers (parking only, no facilities), bathhouse, shelter, stoves, swimming, boating, boat rentals, fishing, attendant.
Crimson Lake, 9 miles northwest of Rocky Mountain House offers 7,878 wooded acres with 120 picnic tables, 150 tents and 50 trailer accommodation (facilities provided), bathhouse, shelter, stoves, supplies, snacks, hiking, nature trails, swimming, boating, attendant.
Red Lodge, in the valley of the Little Red Deer River, 9 miles west of Bowden, 159 acres, 150 picnic tables, facilities for 20 tents, 15 trailers, parking only (no facilities), shelter, stoves, snacks, fishing, attendant. Swimming in the Little Red Deer River not recommended.

COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL PARKS
Reiter Park, 4 mi. south of Bentley.
Westward Ho, 6 mi. west of Sundre.
Silver Creek Park, 20 mi. north, 10 mi. west Cochrane.
Water Valley Park, 22 mi. north, 6 mi. west Cochrane.
Chain Lakes Campsite, 5 mi. east, 4 mi. south of Ponoka.
Pofiango, 3 mi. west, 4 mi. south Ponoka.
Gull Lake Recreation Centre, 19 mi. west, 3 mi. south Ponoka.

CAMPSITES

PROVINCIAL:

Free of charge, Alberta highways campsites provide shelters, drinking water, firewood and fireplaces, sanitary facilities, tent and trailer parking (no facilities like electricity, etc.) and picnic tables. The campsites on the Adventure and other highways in Zone 4 are identified by this ▲ symbol on the above map. For detailed information consult Alberta 1969 Tourist Guide. Approved accommodation Guide obtainable free of charge from the Alberta Government Travel Bureau.

PRIVATE OR MUNICIPALLY OWNED CAMPSITES

There are also privately owned campsites in Zone 4, at Caroline, Olds, Pine Lake, Red Deer, Ricinus, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre, Sylvan Lake and Three Hills. See Alberta Tourist Guide accommodation.

Please obey all regulations and be sure to leave your campsite as clean as you would like to find it; thank you! We will see you again next year.

GUEST RANCHES

Red Deer, Galt's Melody Ranch, children's guest farm.

Water Valley, Silver Creek Ranch. For children 7 to 14 years of age.

Consult the Alberta Tourist Guide for further information.

RANGER STATIONS AND FORESTRY TRUNK ROAD ACCOMMODATION

Mountain Aire Lodge, located at Red Deer River Crossing, 38 miles west of Sundre, 59 miles northwest of Cochrane. 12 units, 3 with kitchenettes. Cafe, store and service station. Guided fishing and hunting trips.

There are numerous campsites on the trunk road (see map), with tent and small trailer facilities. Oversize trailers not permitted. The motorist is advised to carry enough gasoline for the trip, as there are no service stations except at Red Deer Crossing. Hunters, campers and trailers using the forest trunk road must register at the closest ranger station entering and leaving. Ranger stations are located at Shunda and Nordegg on Highway 11, Prairie Creek, and Strachan, southwest of Rocky Mountain House, at Clearwater, southwest of Ricinus, at James River, northwest of Sundre and at Red Deer River Crossing, southwest of Sundre. Other ranger stations (outside Zone 4) are at Robb and Hinton to the north and Ghost to the immediate southern border of the zone.

RAM FALLS—This picturesque waterfall is located on the Forestry Trunk Adventure Highway.

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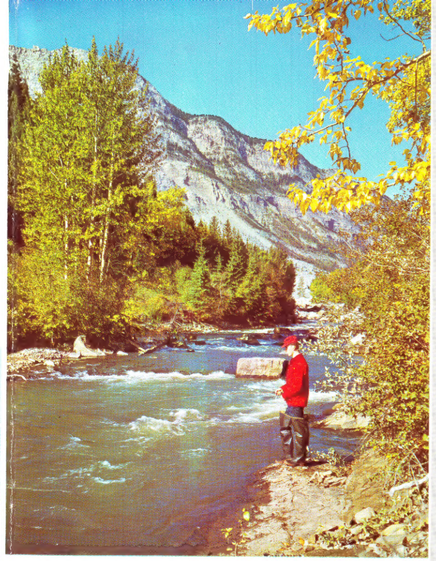

One of the many attractive fishing streams to lure the anglers.

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COVER PICTURE: Our attractive front cover is a reproduction of a picture done by Alberta artist R. P. Byrne in pallete knife technique.

LAPIDARY

Lapidary or rock hunting as it is more commonly known is becoming an increasingly more popular hobby with tourists. Many of the stream and creek beds throughout our zone lend themselves to this most fascinating sport. For more information about this hobby check with the nearest tourist information centres.

ALBERTA

Geographic Features — From the towering majestic peaks of the Canadian Rockies, which reach heights of over 12,000 feet above sea level, to the Red Deer River Valley badlands, cut to a depth of nearly 400 feet below the surrounding prairie, Alberta contains the greatest variety of geographical features of any Canadian province.

A giant plateau 2,200 feet above sea level, the province stretches 756 miles from north to south, and from 182 to 404 miles east and west. Of this total area of 255,285 square miles, 248,000 square miles are land, the remainder fresh water.

Excluding the mountainous south-west corner of the province, Alberta may be divided roughly into three general areas. From the international border to a point approximately 200 miles north, the land is rolling prairie, a productive agricultural area due to extensive irrigation. The central division is known as the "parklands." A succession of wide ridges and broad valleys, with a large number of lakes and streams and numerous belts of timber.

The third area takes in the whole northern half of the province. This is a region of great lakes, rivers and forests broken by tracts of open prairie like the Grande Prairie district and the wide sweeping terraces of the Peace River Valley.

There are ten cities, one hundred towns and one hundred and sixty-seven villages of varying size throughout the entire province.

A novel geographical feature of the province is the Columbia Ice Field, which lies astride the Alberta-British Columbia border. It covers more than 130 square miles and reaches a depth of 2,000-3,000 feet. From this icefield flows the Athabasca, Saskatchewan, and Columbia glaciers plus smaller tongues that flow into the surrounding valleys.

The melting waters flow into three great river systems — the Mackenzie, which flows into the Arctic Ocean, the Saskatchewan, which flows into the Hudson Bay, and the Columbia, which flows into the Pacific.

Provincial Parks — There are forty-four provincial parks varying in size from 4 acres to 78 square miles in Alberta. These provide various recreational values for the enjoyment of the public.

National Parks — Excluding Wood Buffalo National Park, which is not developed for tourists, there are 12,000 square miles of National Parks in Canada, out of this total, 7,042 square miles of National Parks are found in Alberta. Waterton Lakes — 203 square miles; Banff — 2,564 square miles; and Jasper's 4,200 square miles are in mountainous terrain, and are commonly known as Canada's Mountain Playground. The 75 square miles of Elk Island National Park is situated in the Parkland area and is the home of the Plains Buffalo.

INFORMATION BUREAUS

ALBERTA INFORMATION:

Additional information can be obtained at tourist information centres located throughout the province.

ZONE 4:

Central Alberta Tourist Council, P.O. Box 12, Red Deer, Alberta, Telephone 403-347-4491.

Offices on Hwy. 2 at Red Deer, northbound traffic, at Gulf Service Station, just south of junction. Southbound traffic at Juniper Lodge, Esso Service Station.

MOTORIST INFORMATION

FOR THE MOTORIST — ALBERTA HAS 93,837 MILES OF PRIMARY HIGHWAYS AND DISTRICT ROADS. Of these, a total of 5,066 miles are paved, consisting of 78 miles of four-lane divided freeways, 184 miles of four-lane divided highways, 77 miles of four-lane undivided highways and 4,727 miles of two-lane highways. All other gravelled roads are properly maintained at regular periods.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Pink cards are no longer required by non-residents, but drivers involved in accidents where any person is killed or injured, or where property damage exceeds $100.00 should be able to produce evidence of financial responsibility. All accidents, however minor, must be reported to the police.

TRAILER RESTRICTIONS IN NATIONAL PARKS

1. No person shall operate a combination passenger-automobile and house trailer that exceeds 50 ft. in overall length and 8 ft. in width on any highway in Banff, Jasper, Kootenay, Waterton and Elk Island National Parks.
2. Maximum overall length of 40 ft. and width of 8 ft. on the Banff-Jasper Highway in the Banff and Jasper National Parks.
3. **Sections 1 and 2 do not apply to that portion of the Trans-Canada Highway which passes through the Banff National Park.**

ALBERTA FISHING

NO CLOSED SEASON

ANGLING PERMIT FEES

Residents and non-resident Canadians $3.00. Non-resident, non-Canadians $10.00. Angling permits valid April 1st to March 31st following.

Angling permits required by all anglers excepting children under 16 years of age.

Ask for official summary of regulations with maps when purchasing licence.

CENTRAL ALBERTA

ZONE 4

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YOUR HELPFUL GUIDE TO THE SCENIC PARKLAND OF CENTRAL ALBERTA • THE FOREST TRUNK ROAD • (ADVENTURE HIGHWAY) • THE FAMOUS DAVID THOMPSON HIGHWAY AND ADJACENT ROADS

With useful information for the FISHERMAN, HUNTER, ROCKHOUND, NATURALIST AND THE HOLIDAY CAMPER.

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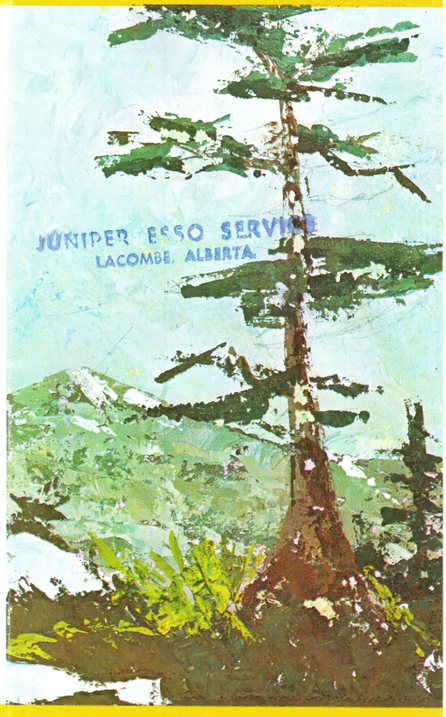

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Welcome to RED DEER

HEART OF THE PARKLANDS

Population 26,730. Highway 2, service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 5:30 p.m., Thursdays 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays p.m. Drug stores, swimming pools, campgrounds. Golf courses, indoor rodeo — 2nd week in April. Fair and Exhibition — late July and early August. International Air Show — early August. David Thompson Cavalcade — August. Serviced by C.P.R., Greyhound Bus Lines and Coachways System. Charter air service available. Daily scheduled air flights to Calgary. All-weather licensed airport.

HOTELS

Arlington Hotel, 38 rooms.
Buffalo Hotel, 50 rooms.
Capri Motor Hotel, 100 rooms, banquet facilities.
Granada Motor Inn, 62 rooms, banquet facilities.
Parklander Motor Hotel, 53 rooms, banquet facilities.
Valley Hotel, 27 rooms, meeting rooms.
Windsor Hotel, 67 rooms.

MOTELS

Blue Jay Motel, 25 units, restaurant and service station.
Cozy Pine Motel, 13 units, restaurant and service station.
Hill Motel, 17 units, close to city centre.
Thunderbird Motel, 28 units, heated swimming pool.

Plan a golfing holiday on many of the attractive courses throughout Zone 4.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

GATEWAY TO THE DAVID THOMPSON COUNTRY

James Bird arrived here in 1799 and established the first trading post. David Thompson made the fort at Rocky Mountain House his headquarters in 1801 and 1802, while exploring and mapping a route to the West Coast for the North-West Fur Company. He was the finest geographer in history, and his records and maps were so accurate that they are still in use today. He charted the Great Lakes, the 49th parallel, and the Saskatchewan, Athabasca and Columbia River basins.

Population 2,713, on Highway 11. Service stations with and without repair facilities. Shopping 9 to 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m. Stores closed all day Monday. Drug store, municipal campground and trailer park. Golf course. Stampede — 1st week in July. White Water Canoe Race — 3rd week in July. David Thompson Highway Cavalcade — mid-August. 2 historical sites (Hudson Bay Forts). Close to Crimson Lake Provincial Park. Serviced by Coachways System. 4,900 foot airstrip.

HOTELS

David Thompson Hotel, 30 rooms, restaurant.
Mountview Hotel, 39 rooms, restaurant and dining room.

MOTELS

Alpine Motel, 6 units.
Art's Motel, 7 individual units.
Voyager Motel, 9 units.
Walking Eagle Motor Hotel, 20 units with baths.

Chimneys of fort built in 1799 at Rocky Mountain House

ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF VILLAGES AND TOWNS IN THE CENTRAL ALBERTA ZONE 4.

ACME, on highway 26. Population 316. 3 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays p.m. Drug stores, campground, trailer park, municipal swimming pool. Sports Day —1st week in August. Serviced by CNR and Coachways

Alberta Hotel, 14 rooms, 1 with private bath.

BENALTO—Population 120 on Highway 11.

BENTLEY, on Highway 12, population 1,502. 9 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed all day Monday. Drug store, trailer park, golf course. Gymkhana and rodeo in August. Bonspiel in February. Serviced by Coachways System.

Bentley Hotel—11 rooms, 1 with private bath.

BLACKFALDS, on Highway 2A, population 779. 3 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. Trailer park. Serviced by Greyhound Bus Lines and Coachways System.

Nu-Way Hotel—19 rooms, 2 with private bath.

Native dancers performing in colorful dress at Lacombe.

BOWDEN—Highway 2, population 611. 5 service stations, 4 with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 - 6 p.m., Saturday to 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays p.m. Campgrounds, trailer park, golf course. Annual Fair and Rodeo — end of July. **Red Lodge Provincial Park, 9 miles west.** Serviced by C.P.R. and Greyhound Bus Lines.
Calboderro Motel—8 sleeping units. Baths with soft water.

CAROLINE—On Highway 54, population 437. Hunting, fishing and camping area.

CARSTAIRS—Highway 2A. Population 806. 4 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 - 5:30 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed all day Monday. Drug store, golf course, rodeo latter part of June. Serviced by C.P.R. and Greyhound Bus lines.
Dominion Hotel, 12 rooms, 1 with shower.

CLIVE—On Highway 12, east of Lacombe, population 321. Westling District Museum and close to the scenic Chain Lakes.

CREMONA—25 miles north of Cochrana (Highway 1A), population 179. 3 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8 - 5:30 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed Thursdays p.m. Campgrounds, trailer park, dog pound. Rodeo — mid July. Water Valley Stampede — mid August. Good hunting and fishing area.
Cremona Hotel, 12 rooms, 4 with private bath.

CRIMSON LAKE—7 miles north of Rocky Mountain House. A popular Provincial Park family camping, fishing, boating and swimming area.

DELBURNE—On Highway 21. Population 450. Campsite and picnic facilities. Centennial Park project, nearby resort, fishing, historical background. A beauty spot in Zone 4.

ECKVILLE—3 miles north of Highway 11. Population 675. 7 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 - 5:30 p.m., closed all day Monday. Drug store, campground 7 miles northwest. Trailer Park, Centennial playground park. Annual Rodeo — mid-August. Serviced by Coachways System.
Eckville Hotel—11 rooms, 2 with private bath.

INNISFAIL—On Highways 2 and 54. Population 2,531. 10 service stations, 6 with repair facilities. Shopping 9-5:30 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed Wednesday. Drug stores, campgrounds, trailer park, municipal swimming pool, golf course with grass greens. Little Britches Rodeo — July. Aquacade in August. Serviced by C.P.R. and Greyhound Bus Lines. 3,000 ft. airstrip.

A beautiful specimen of Rocky Mountain sheep.

Hotels

Innisfail Hotel—44 rooms, 9 with private bath or shower. Banquet facilities.

Motels

Innisfail Motel—13 units with combination baths/showers.
New Bluebird Motel—16 units with bath/showers.

LACOMBE—Highway 2A and 12. Population 3,045. 8 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 - 6 p.m., Thursday 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays p.m. Drug store, trailer parks and campgrounds, municipal swimming pool, golf course. Baseball tournament, end of July. Serviced by C.P.R., Greyhound Bus Lines and Coachways System.

Hotels

Empress Hotel, 26 rooms.
Lacombe Hotel, 34 rooms, 15 with private baths. Coffee shop, dining and banquet rooms.

Motels

Empress Motel, 14 units with bath or shower.
Juniper Lodge, 22 units overlooking lake. Bath/shower. Dining room, Coffee Pit and patio eating facilities. Heated pool, riding academy, picnic grounds. Service station with trailer septic disposals, propane. Fishing and hunting area, rockhounds display.

OLDS—On Highways 2A and 27. Population 3,240. 11 service stations, 8 with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays p.m. Drug store, campground, municipal swimming pool, golf course. Olds Fair and Rodeo — 2nd week in August. Serviced by C.P.R. and Greyhound Bus Lines. One 2,900 foot airstrip and one 2,400 foot airstrip.

Hotel

Victoria Hotel, 32 rooms, with and without bath/showers.

Motel

Siesta Motel, 14 units with bath or shower.

PENHOLD—Highway 2A. Population 356. 2 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8 - 6 p.m. Serviced by C.P.R. and Greyhound Bus Lines.
Penhold Hotel, 10 rooms, central baths and toilets.

PINE LAKE—Highway 42. 2 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 9 p.m. Campgrounds, trailer parks, boating. Sports Day — end of May and early July.
Pine Lake Hotel, on the lake shore south of Highway 42, 13 rooms, 6 with running water, coffee shop.

Romantic coal mining ghost town located in the Nordegg vicinity.

PONOKA—Highway 2A, population 4,487. 15 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 - 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m. Drug store. Trailer park, municipal swimming pool, golf course. Famous Ponoka Stampede — June 30 and July 1st. Centennial Museum and Park. Serviced by C.P.R. and Greyhound Bus Lines. Air charter service available at Ponoka Industrial Airport (2 miles), 3,000 foot hard surfaced.

Hotels

Leland Hotel, 19 rooms, 4 with private bathroom, central baths and toilets.

Royal Hotel, 34 rooms, double or single. Several with private bathroom. Dining room, banquet room and coffee shop.

RIMBEY—On Highway 12. Population 1,502. 9 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed all day Monday. Drug store, trailer park, golf course. Rodeo and Gymkhana — June. Old Timers' Association Day — July. Paskapoo Park. Serviced by Coachways System.

Grand Hotel—22 rooms, 11 with private bath, coffee shop.

SUNDRE—On Highway 27. Population 805. 4 service stations, 3 with repair facilities. Shopping 9 to 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m., closed all day Wednesday. Drug store, campgrounds, municipal swimming pool, golf course. Race meet — Victoria Day. Stampede — Dominion Day weekend. Olds-Sundre daily bus service. 2,600 foot airstrip.
Sundre Hotel, 23 rooms, 7 with private bath, coffee shop.

SYLVAN LAKE—On Highway 11. Population 1,352. 7 service stations, 6 with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 6 p.m., Fridays 9 p.m. Drug stores, campgrounds, trailer parks, golf courses. Serviced by C.P.R., C.N.R. and Coachways System.

Hotels

Sylvan Lake Hotel, 29 rooms, 4 with private bath, coffee shop and dining room.

Motels

Embee Motel, 19 units with showers, barbecues.
Lakeshore Motel, 12 units, all with private bathroms, coin laundry, fully winterized.
Westway Motel, 6 suites, all with baths, barbecue.

TRAIL RIDING—One of the many fascinating pastimes to be enjoyed throughout the area.

THREE HILLS—On Highway 21. Population 1,452. 5 service stations with repair facilities. Shopping 8:30 - 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 p.m., closed Wednesdays p.m. Drug stores, campground, trailer park, municipal swimming pool. Sports Day — 1st week in August. Serviced by C.N.R. and Coachways System. 1800 foot airstrip.

The Hills Motor Inn, 26 rooms, central baths and toilets.

Circle R Motel, 12 units with combination bath and shower.

TORRINGTON—Highway 27. Population 132. 4 service stations, 2 with repair facilities. Shopping 8 - 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 10 p.m., closed Thursdays p.m. Sports Day — June. Serviced by C.P.R.

Torrington Hotel, 10 rooms, coffee shop.

TROCHU—Highway 21. Population 750. 6 service stations, 4 with repair facilities. Shopping 9 - 6 p.m., closed all day Monday. Drug store, golf course. Sports Day — early July. C.N.R. and Coachways.

Yale Hotel, 18 rooms, 2 with private bathroom, coffee shop.